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For: A PROCESS FOR THE RECOVERY OF LACTIC ACID FROM AQUEOUS LACTATE SALT SOLUTIONS, INVOLVING THE USE OF ION EXCHANGERS

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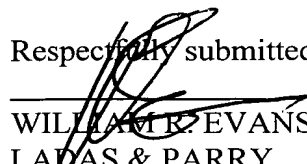
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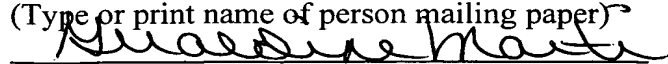
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